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SUBJECT: KUDOS TO EMBASSY COLOMBO FOR ECONOMIC REPORTING

11. E/EEB extends kudos to Embassy Colombo's economic team for its consistently high quality and relevant reporting. With over 30 economic cables in the past three months, Colombo's small economic team is one of the best and most prolific in the region. EEB appreciates the analytical and informative cables on the macroeconomic status, monetary and fiscal policy, assistance requests, International Monetary Fund programs, tourism, labor, generalized system of preferences, and other trade and commercial issues of both Sri Lanka and Maldives.

12. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and EEB/TPP/BTA wish to thank Embassy Colombo for its essential role in the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement meetings in Colombo and Male in October. Without the Embassy's support, neither event would have been possible.

13. Keep up the great work.
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